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Kneeling for Justice
THEN AND NOW: AS YOU CHOOSE
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration 2019
We have the constitutional right to protest and advocate for ourselves and others. Our theme is inspired by these words: “But somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly. Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of the press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right.”  
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16
WMU and surrounding school districts Social Justice Art Competition and Book Bowl, 5 p.m.  
Linden Grove Middle School
The MLK Social Justice Art competition features original student artwork that honors Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy and exemplifies the celebration’s annual theme. It encourages young people to find creative ways of bringing the Kalamazoo community together around a common purpose. Fifteen selected art competition pieces will be on display. Judges will select three winning pieces.

Friday, Jan. 18
Community Reflection, 11 a.m.  
Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College
Speakers include Kalamazoo College students, faculty, staff and administrators.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19
MLK Memorabilia Exhibit, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bernhard Center, East Ballroom, Western Michigan University
Public School Students’ Visitations, 9 a.m. registration  
Bernhard Center, East Ballroom, Western Michigan University
High school and middle school students and families have the opportunity to attend a variety of fun and educational workshops. The event is open to families from Kalamazoo Public Schools and the surrounding school districts.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20
Northside Ministerial Alliance 33rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, 4 p.m.  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Roberson St., Kalamazoo
Keynote speaker is Rev. Allison M. Henderson-Brooks.

MONDAY, JAN. 21
City of Kalamazoo Communitywide Day of Service, Meet at 8 a.m.  
Kalamazoo City Hall, 241 W. South St. Volunteer opportunities available at gryphon.org/volunteer
Contact: Austin Bradford, volunteer engagement and event assistant, abradford@gryphon.org or (269) 381-1510, ext. 225
Convocation, 10:50 a.m.  
Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College
MLK Day Teach-In: Bending a Knee for Justice, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
210 Bernhard Center, Western Michigan University
“The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.” Martin Luther King Jr. The teaching includes short inspirational speeches, focused discussion, action plans connects to students, faculty and community organizations.
For accommodations and further information, contact Allen Webb at allen.webb@wmich.edu or at (269) 387-2605.
Pre-MLK Walk Lunch Discussion, 1:45 p.m.  
Kanley Chapel Dialogue Center
Participants gather to engage in discussion surrounding a deeper look at current events of racial inequity through the lens of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter From A Birmingham Jail.” Posters will be available for decorating as well as food and hot chocolate. Hosted and led by Chris Sligh, director, Office of Student Engagement, and Kathleen Robertson King, campus minister at University Campus Ministries.
For more information, contact King at ucmlrking@yahoo.com or (269) 387-2560.
Commemorative Walk, 3:30 p.m.  
Due to weather conditions, instead of walking, participants will take a bus from WMU Bernhard Center and Kalamazoo College Red Square to the MLK Park. After MLK Park, buses will return to Kalamazoo College and WMU. One bus will take participants to the Community Celebration at 5 p.m. A 6 p.m. bus will return to Kalamazoo College and WMU.
Community Celebration, immediately following Commemorative Walk, approximately 5 to 6 p.m.  
Kalamazoo State Theatre, 404 S. Burdick St.  
Sponsored by Bronson Healthcare and Borgess Ascension. For more information, contact Mikka Dryer, (269) 341-8323, or Sister Sue McCrery, (269) 226-5937.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22
Community Celebration for National Day of Racial Healing, 5:30 to 8 p.m.  
Location to be announced. Contact Lanna Lewis at llewisis@kalfound.org.
Presentation, Dr. Lewis Walker Youth Social Justice Award winners, 7 p.m.  
Kalamazoo City Hall, 241 W. South St.  
Presentation to award to recipients during the scheduled City of Kalamazoo Commission meeting. For accommodations and further information, contact Pat at vargasp@kalamazooconvict.org or (269) 226-6500.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5
Interactive program, “Beyond the Dream II,” a deeper look at the perspectives of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Kalamazoo Valley Community College Texas Township Campus, Room 4240
KVCC’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion invites the public to a free program that examine the perspectives of Dr. King and his impact on our nation, particularly throughout the south in 1968. Participants have the opportunity to listen, reflect and share their thoughts, feelings and opinions regarding Dr. King’s philosophies and ideas.
For more information, contact Trice Batson, KVCC coordinator of diversity and inclusion, tbatson@kvcc.edu.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20
“The Courage to Create” poetry reading and competition awards reception, 4 p.m.  
Adrian Trimpe Building, Multicultural Center, Western Michigan University
The Courage to Create Program is a writing and research competition designed to encourage the love of poetry, student research in the role of writers as agents for social change, and to promote literacy in middle and high school students. The program exposes young people to various genres of poetry and will provide a forum for families and parents, local writers, literacy experts, and faculty, staff and students from local higher education institutions to build a supportive community to foster youth’s creative writing and historical research activities.
The Courage to Create Program is open to all middle and high school students. Poets are welcome to enter poetry on themes of social justice and equality.